

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

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LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An ultrasonic wave utilizing device comprising:

a cylindrical elastic holder into which an ultrasonic sensor is pressed; and

a cylindrical part that is closed at one end and is formed in a case in such a way as to have the elastic holder assembled therein, characterized in that

the elastic holder has an elastic end wall ~~formed at an end of pressing side~~ and a first elastic retaining part for retaining an outside end edge of the ultrasonic sensor which is pressed into the elastic holder.
2. (original): The ultrasonic wave utilizing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the elastic holder has a second elastic retaining part retained by the case on the elastic end wall.
3. (original): The ultrasonic wave utilizing device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the second elastic retaining part has an elastic pillar-shaped part that is passed through a hole formed in a bottom of the cylindrical part and an elastic bulging part that is formed on the elastic pillar-shaped part in a manner bulging in a radial direction such that it is passed through the hole and then retained by an edge of the hole.
4. (new): The ultrasonic wave utilizing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first elastic retaining part is disposed at the outside end edge of the ultrasonic sensor.

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5. (new): The ultrasonic wave utilizing device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the first elastic retaining part is disposed at an open end of the elastic holder.

6. (new): The ultrasonic wave utilizing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ultrasonic sensor and the elastic holder are substantially coaxially disposed along an axis and a radial dimension from the axis to an inner edge of the first elastic retaining part is less than a radial dimension from the axis to the outside end edge of the ultrasonic sensor.

7. (new): The ultrasonic wave utilizing device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the second elastic retaining part has an elastic pillar-shaped part that is passed through a hole formed in a bottom of the cylindrical part.

8. (new): The ultrasonic wave utilizing device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the elastic pillar-shaped part projects out from the elastic end wall of the elastic holder.